

REMARKS

Claims 6-19 are presently pending and stand rejected. Claims 1-5, and 20-22 are cancelled without prejudice. Claims 6-19 were deemed pertaining to an unelected species. Claim 20 was rejected. Reconsideration and continued examination is respectfully requested.

Claim 6 recites, among other limitations, "shortening a blanking period in the data to accommodate auxiliary data, without dropping any of the video frames". In the office action of 9/13/07, claim 6, prior to amendment to include the foregoing, was rejected as anticipated by Hobbs. Assignee respectfully submits that if in Hobbs, "one of four single frames are being transmitted [i.e., undropped] under the AFD scheme" (see Office Action, 9/13/07, p. 9), then Hobbs does not teach "without dropping any of the video frames". Accordingly, Assignee respectfully requests allowance of claim 6, as well as to dependent claims 7-19.

CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, each of the pending claims are allowable, thereby placing the application in a condition for allowance. Examiner is requested to pass this case to issuance. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the amount enclosed or any additional fees which may be required under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 13-0017 in the name of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Ltd.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



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